



## Auburn Parks, Arts and Recreation T-BALL LEAGUE

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Auburn Parks & Recreation Department is committed to offering quality programs for children. To help insure a quality program we require all of our coaches to complete the National Youth Sports Coaches Association certification clinic. As part of this training coaches are required to uphold a coaches code of ethics. Prior to the season starting, coaches should hold a parent's meeting and cover guidelines for the season and have each parent sign the parents code of ethics. If you see a coach or parent exhibiting behavior that is not in adherence to the code of ethics please notify your coach or your league coordinator, Rick Bruya (253) 931-3043 or [rbruya@ci.auburn.wa.us](mailto:rbruya@ci.auburn.wa.us).

### Playing Field

- A. The distance between all bases shall be 50 feet.

### Equipment

- A. Game balls, batting tees and protective equipment will be provided at each game and practice by the instructor. Catchers and base runners must wear the protective gear.
- B. Metal cleated shoes are prohibited. Molded cleats or tennis shoes are recommended.
- C. All players are expected to wear sponsor's T-shirt while participating.
- D. No restrictions are placed on type of glove used by any player at any position.

### Playing Rules

1. A team will have ten players on the field at a time: catcher, first baseman, second baseman, third baseman, short stop and five outfielders. If both coaches agree you may play six or seven outfielders. Please don't allow one child to sit on the bench alone while your team is in the field.
2. Outfielders will not be allowed to play in the infield and must remain ten yards behind the baseline until the ball is hit.
3. Infielders must stand behind baseline running from first base to second base to third base until the ball is hit.
4. Substitution: Free unlimited substitution of all players listed in the batting order. All players in attendance must be listed in the batting order. All players must bat in that order. Players arriving after the game has started will be added to the bottom of the list and bat accordingly.
5. Home team always takes third base dugout. All players must remain in the dugout except for the batter and the batter scheduled to bat next.
6. A team will bat all batters in their offensive half inning. After the last batter hits, they will go to defense. **Each batter and base runner may advance only one base per batted ball.**
7. Base Running: 1. No leading off or stealing; 2. Sliding is allowed (feet first only).
8. Players must not sit out two consecutive innings of defensive play in a fielding position.
9. The ball must travel outside the arc (20 feet) to be considered a fair ball.
10. Infield fly rule will not be in effect.
11. No new inning or 1/2 inning will begin after fifty-five (55) minutes. Home team may not get last at bat.

12. Rotate players so they play both infield and outfield during each game.
13. Two adult coaches (no children) may be used as base coaches.
14. If you have only one player sitting on the bench when your team is in the field, you may put that player in as an extra outfielder.
15. When a player is called out at a base that player will remain on base until they reach home. (This is to help teach the players about running around the bases).

### **Length of Game**

- A. A regulation game will consist of six innings.
- B. Official Game: - If a game is called for any reason, it shall be considered an official game.
- C. All scheduled games will be played unless canceled by the Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department or by the umpire at the game site because of field conditions. In case of wet weather Call the Rain Out line at (253) 931-3095x1 after 8:30 AM for Daytime Program or after 4:00 PM for the Evening Program.
- D. Scores and standings will not be kept.

### **Team Selection**

- A. A maximum of 15 players will be assigned each team.
- B. Coaches returning from the previous season may retain players who player for them last season (see Team Assignment Procedures).
- C. Player assignments will be made in accordance with the school they attend or the school they would normally attend. Players will not transfer from another school to play ball.
- D. All youngsters will play for the team on which they are placed.

### **Umpire/Instructor**

- A. The Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will provide an umpire/instructor for each practice. Coaches are encouraged to assist this individual. Games will be umpired by the coaches or parents unless there is a Parks Staff person is present.
- B. Do not "yell at" or ride the umpire.

### **Injured Player**

- A. A base runner who is hurt may be replaced by a pinch runner if he is unable to continue. The pinch runner shall be the last player in the order to make an out. If the injured player is unable to bat and run for himself, the next time at bat he shall be removed from the game.
- B. A fielder who is hurt may be substituted for in accordance with league rules.
- C. If the catcher is on base, with one or more outs or two or less batters left to hit in the inning, have a pinch runner run for the catcher (pinch runner shall be the last player in the order to make an out.